

The question presumably refers to the manufacture of the basic trainer aircraft HT-2. It is expected that the test flights of this aircraft will be completed shortly and production will commence immediately thereafter. Orders have been placed for a sufficient number of this aircraft by the Air Force to enable production to be planned in a satisfactory manner. No civilian orders have yet been placed.

Shri Hukam Singh: Perhaps my language was not clear. What I meant to ask is this. Is there enough work in respect of aircraft and civil aviation which could keep the factory busy all through the year, or is there any spare time that has to be spent in making coaches or engaging in other subsidiary activities?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The question was not clear.

Mr. Speaker: Anyway, he has explained what he wants to know.

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: All that I can say is that the Hindustan Aircraft Factory has enough work. Apart from assembling, renovating and servicing aircraft belonging to the Air Force and civil aviation companies and others, it is also taking up other types of work like body building for motor buses and building coaches for the Railway Board.

Shri Hukam Singh: May I know what fraction or percentage of the working hours is spent in the manufacture of aircraft or renovation of civil aviation aircraft and what percentage has to be utilised in other subsidiary works?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The question of manufacture of aircraft, as I said, is restricted to trainer aircraft HT-2. In regard to the percentages of hours of work, if the hon. Member would not put down a question and if it is deemed expedient to answer it, it will be answered.

Shri B. Shiva Rao: Is it a fact that a number of important key posts like the Assistant General Manager, Commercial and Sales Manager, Plant Engineer, Manufacturing Superintendent etc. have not been filled for years, affecting the efficiency of the top administration of this Factory?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I do not see how the question arises. If the hon. Member would put down a question, we will attempt to answer it.

Shri B. Das: May I enquire whether this particular State industry will be

placed under the Production Minister or whether it will still continue under the Defence Minister?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The question may be addressed to the proper quarters. The Proper person to allocate the work between the different Ministers happens to be the Leader of the House and the Prime Minister.

Shri T. N. Singh: On a point of order. Is it permissible for an hon. Minister, once you have allowed the supplementary question, to say that if a separate question is put or if it is put in this form or that form, he will answer it.

Mr. Speaker: I think that when this paraphrased means that he wants notice of the question and he is not prepared to answer it just now. He is going a little further and clarifying to the hon. Member that, if he is really anxious to have information he may better table another question.

Shri Gurupadaswamy: How many aircrafts have been assembled so far in that factory?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Notice, Sir.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether any complaints regarding the American experts who are working in this Factory have come to the notice of the Government, especially in regard to the manufacture of jet aeroplanes, to the effect that the Indian engineers are discouraged by these experts?

Mr. Speaker: I think it is more or less a matter of inference.

Shri Velayudhan: It is information, Sir.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Is it a fact that the Government of Mysore have requested that the capital invested by them may be paid back, because it is not paying to them?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I am afraid it does not arise.

ARID ZONE RESEARCH STATION

*64. **Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for the establishment of an Arid Zone Research Station in Rajasthan was put up before the advisory committee of Arid Zone Research Council of the UNESCO; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) The proposal for the establishment of an Arid Zone Research Station was not, as such, put up before the Arid Zone Research Committee of the UNESCO. Only a request for providing the services of a geophysical expert and a financial contribution of Rs. 3,60,000 out of a total estimated cost of Rs. 26,70,000 for the project was forwarded to the UNESCO.

(b) The proposal is under the consideration of the United Nations.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether Government have considered the possibility of introducing a lea-crop cultivation or protective afforestation for these arid areas?

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid it is a suggestion for action. Questions should be put for eliciting information and not for making suggestions for action.

CURRENCY

***65. Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether our currency has been contracted during the last six months;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether Government propose to effect any credit contraction during the next six months?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C. D. Deshmukh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is difficult to prophesy what the conditions will be like during the next six months. In any case the matter is one for the Reserve Bank of India to decide.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE

***66. Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the aims and objects of the Delhi Committee of the World University Service, and state:

(a) whether any survey of student community is contemplated;

(b) if so, the purpose thereof; and

(c) whether the Government of India are co-operating with the scheme in any way?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): A statement of

aims and objects of the World University Service, with certain additional information, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 23.]

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Service proposes to survey the social and economic conditions of College students in Delhi State.

(c) The Government of India are sympathetic towards the aims and objects of the World University Service but have received no request from the Service in respect of this scheme.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know, Sir, the name of the countries in which this kind of service is in vogue?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I have not got the names of all the countries; but its headquarters are in Switzerland, I think.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Has this committee commenced its work; if so, when?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: The Indian Committee has commenced its work and a National Committee has been formed with headquarters at Delhi. This service was formed in 1950 and it has commenced its work.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know, Sir, if Government gave any kind of financial assistance to this committee?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Not yet.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, how many other local committees have been formed till now, excepting Delhi?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Committees have been formed at Aligarh, Calcutta, Patna, Agra, Allahabad, Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Hyderabad and Gauhati.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, what is the amount of assistance given annually?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Local committees are expected to raise their own funds from the contribution from members and some help might come from the World Universities' Service; but that has not yet been decided.

COLOMBO PLAN

***67. Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various items of the Colombo Plan which are linked with the Five Year Plan of the Government of India; and

(b) whether the Colombo Plan has in any way changed the time schedule of the Five Year Plan?